

August 26, 2004

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex VI Conference Room, 132 East Spring Street, Monroe, Ga. Those present included Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Michael Turner, Phil Green, Lamar Palmer, Gerald Atha and John Robinson, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Ken Lander, Financial Officer Merridy McDaniel, Personnel Director Janice Holland and Planning Director Mike Martin. A list of citizens and other employees in attendance at this meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

Devon Dartnell, Chief Ranger of the Morgan-Walton Forestry Unit, gave the Unit's Annual Report.

David Willet made a presentation regarding a proposed amendment to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance regarding existing mobile home parks.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ayers opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2004 and August 3, 2004 meetings. All voted in favor.

The Board considered proposed amendments to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance regarding existing mobile home parks. Planning Director Mike Martin presented the proposed amendments and reviewed them with the Board. He explained that the proposed zoning category is fairly common in metro areas and is an incentive to do revitalization projects within existing mobile home parks. Chairman Little recused himself on the matter and Vice-Chairman Robinson presided. Commissioner Turner made a motion to start the process of amending the Land Development Ordinance. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer and Robinson voted in favor. Commissioner Atha opposed the motion. The motion carried 5-1.

Personnel Director Janice Holland presented a Planning & Development Office request to change the job description and pay grade of the classification of Architectural Technician. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Green, to approve the change. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Green, to approve personnel new hires and promotions as presented, for the record. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from Fire Chief Steve Couch to increase the allowable hours worked by temporary firefighters. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Chief Magistrate Judge Kitty Yarbrough came before the Board to request approval of a temporary position for a period of three months while an employee is out on maternity leave. Commissioner Turner made a motion,

seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve the position. All voted in favor.

Major Travis Brown of the Sheriff's Office requested the Board approve funding for a School Resource Officer for Youth Middle School. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve funding for the position. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Larry Pruden of the Board of Elections requested the Board approve consolidation of three part-time positions into one full-time position with benefits. Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the request. All voted in favor.

The Board considered contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve payment of an invoice from R.S. Webb & Associates for services related to the proposed bypass contingent upon the payment being part of the agreed upon quote proposed by Tommy Craig and that the payment is deducted from that quote. Commissioner Green seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve all other purchases as presented. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to accept the donation of property located on South Madison Avenue from Avondale Mills and to approve costs for the acquisition of greenspace from Avondale Mills, for the record. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to accept a cash donation of \$4,132.47 from Walton County firefighters to be used to acquire training equipment. Commissioner Turner expressed his appreciation to the firefighters for the donation. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve an FY05 budget amendment for the Probate Court to pay for contract labor using funds budgeted for overtime. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve an FY05 budget amendment to correct the revenue from the Walton County Board of Education from \$162,500.00 to \$150,000.00 for six School Resource Officer positions. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to authorize the Financial Officer to amend the FY04 budget to finalize actual expenditures and revenues. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, to adopt a resolution amending the FY05 budget for law enforcement contracts with the City of Social Circle and the City of Walnut Grove. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve a maintenance agreement with Medtronic Physio-Control for maintenance of the Fire Department's defibrillator units, contingent upon there being no modifications from the previous year's contract. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve, for the record, a DOT Traffic Signal Permit for S. R. 81 at Youth Middle School. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a maintenance agreement with RISO, Inc. for the print shop in the Commissioner's Office. County Attorney Ken Lander stated that the arbitration clause in the contract should be stricken and initialed by the Chairman upon execution. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the agreement with the change suggested by the County Attorney. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion, voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve a contract and Memorandum of Understanding with Clarke County Board of Health for funding of equipment for Walton County EMS. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Anthony Carter of the Public Defender's Office presented a cell phone contract with Nextel for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the contract. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the annual support agreement with U.S.D.A. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered bids received for a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the low bid from Allan Vigil Ford. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Anthony Carter of the Public Defender's Office requested the Board agree to furnish gasoline and maintenance for three months for a vehicle owned by Newton County that will be used by the Walton Public Defender's Office. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Public Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers requested the Board approve the construction of a bathroom/concession stand at West Walton Park. Ms. Chambers stated that the Public Facilities personnel can complete the project for less than the proposed budget. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Ms. Chambers presented a recommendation on use of County office space that will be available after the County moves into the new government building. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the recommendation, excluding the proposal for Courthouse Annex II. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve a Tax Commissioner's recommendation to approve an insolvent tax list. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Green made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to appoint Chairman Little as voting delegate for the ACCG Fall Policy Conference. All voted in favor.

The Board considered annexation #A04-043 for the City of Loganville – 2 acres – Hwy. 78. Commissioner Robinson made a motion not to object to the annexation. Commissioner Green seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered annexation #A04-044 for the City of Loganville –

17.1141 acres – Hwy 78. Commissioner Turner made a motion to direct Planning Director Mike Martin to proceed with the 21-day objection period, meeting with Earl Hillis at the City of Loganville Planning & Development Office. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner presented a request from property owners on Pointer Spur to change the name of the road. Commissioner Turner made a motion to start the road name change process and to waive the associated fees. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 8:20 p.m., Commissioner Green made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to recess the meeting to discuss matters in Work Session. All voted in favor.

At 9:45 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to resume the meeting. All voted in favor.

At 9:46 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion to enter in to executive session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor.

At 10:20 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Green, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to respond to Judge Ott’s request for an increase in supplements for the judges’ secretaries, indicating that the Board would evaluate salary adjustments at the first of the year when the County evaluates other salaries. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 10:21 p.m., Commissioner Palmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

All documents of record for this meeting are on file in either the addendum book or auxiliary file under this meeting date.

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KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN      LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

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CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1      MICHAEL TURNER, DISTRICT 2

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HARRY P. GREEN, DISTRICT 3      LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

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